

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, more than 50,000 Americans are diagnosed with cancer of the head and neck region, and less than 60% of head and neck cancer patients will live five years following their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, over 85% of all head and neck cancers could be prevented, but only a small percentage of people in America understand the disease, its causes, its treatment, or its prevention; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals treated for this disease encounter disability due to breathing, swallowing, speaking, physical, and/or visual difficulties; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the disease process could result in earlier diagnosis, lower functional disability, and higher survival rates.

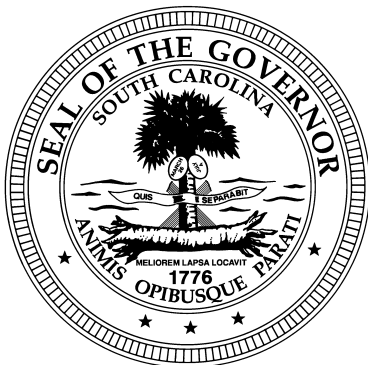
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 17 – 23, 2006, as

ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

and April 21, 2006, as

ORAL AND HEAD AND NECK CANCER AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take advantage of screening opportunities and help raise awareness of the need for early detection in the fight against this disease.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA